

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., May 17, 1878.—10:30 a. m.—In the Middle Atlantic States, falling, followed by rising barometer, southeast to northeast winds, nearly stationary temperature, generally cloudy weather and light rains.

WORKINGMEN'S MEETING.—Pursuant to the call of J. M. Heishley, "Chairman of the Executive Committee," a considerable crowd gathered at the Old Court House, on Columbus street, last night. The majority of those present, however, were negroes, and of the whites by far the greater portion were spectators.

After waiting for nearly half an hour beyond the appointed time, the meeting was called to order by J. M. Heishley, and on motion of Edward Hughes, John T. Armstrong was called to the Chair and returned thanks for "the honor."

R. C. Armstrong was nominated for Secretary.

Rudolph Massey asked if no one could be gotten, outside of the family?

R. C. Armstrong was also nominated, but he should prefer not. Various other persons were then nominated, including several of the spectators, but all declined.

Finally, R. C. Armstrong said, that if no one else would serve, he would, and he was thereupon elected.

On motion of J. McK. Ware, the Chair was directed to appoint a committee of twelve to make nominations for the general ticket.

George Noland objected to the Chairman appointing but was informed that he was too late, and the motion was declared carried.

The Secretary then produced from his pocket a list of committeemen, who were promptly appointed by the Chairman, but upon calling them over, it was found that only seven were present. Thereupon the list was filled up and the committee retired. The Chairman subsequently returned and reported that one of these appointed, declined to serve.

Somebody moved to put James A. Branch, colored, on the committee, but objection was made that he was a conservative, whereupon the political standing of various other members was questioned.

The motion was voted down and another name added to the committee, which, as finally constituted, was composed of Jacob M. Heishley, A. W. Armstrong, Thomas Tancig, J. McK. Ware, S. P. DeVaughn, Robert Gaines, Edward Evans, John Hawthorn, Wm. McKell, Henry Lewis, Wm. Colston and Llanthall King.

During the absence of the committee calls were made for C. E. Markell, who, however, declined to speak until after the committee reported.

R. C. Armstrong then commenced to flout, and after several attempts succeeded in extracting from that pocket (the same one which had given forth the committee list) a bundle of manuscript, which frightened those around the table and caused numerous protests against the reading thereof. He was not to be deterred by this, however, and proceeded to read a very long preamble and a very short resolution on finance and national affairs generally, which he accompanied with "a few remarks," all read from the same paper and in the same tone, so that it was exceedingly difficult to determine where the resolutions left off and the speech commenced.

When Mr. Armstrong had finished loud calls were made for Mr. Sefer Brouse, who, assisted by some friends, mounted the table and addressed the meeting.

Mr. Brouse announced himself as an independent candidate for Superintendent of Police, and solicited the support of all voters present. He promised, if elected, to perform the duties faithfully, to treat all citizens alike, and to see that all hands employed on the streets were promptly paid their wages. His speech was received with shouts of applause.

A motion was then made to adopt the resolution offered by R. C. Armstrong.

Aleck Quinsey, colored, objected on the ground that he had "not got satisfaction" from the chairman when asking a question. He was rapped to order by the chairman and made to keep quiet.

Wm. Miller, colored, objected, on the ground that all present, whether "workingmen" or not, could vote, as the meeting was now constituted.

The chairman said that any outsider who would vote, was no gentleman.

A colloquy then ensued between the chairman and Mr. Miller on the disputed point.

Aleck Quinsey, colored, here again broke in, and demanded to be heard.

The chairman getting wrath, pointed the table with his case, and shook his hand at Quinsey, ordering him to keep quiet.

The latter, however, still vociferated and shook his head. John Fields, colored, approached Quinsey and threatened to hit him put out.

Quinsey moved that a printed copy of Mr. Armstrong's resolution and speech be presented to Quinsey and to each of the committee, but the motion was not entertained.

A scene of great disorder ensued for a few minutes, but it was finally quieted down and the resolution was declared adopted.

The committee then came in and reported in favor of endorsing the nominations of K. Kemper, Mayor; F. L. Brockett, Auditor; J. T. Hill and S. K. Field, Collectors; C. E. Stuart, Corporation Attorney; I. B. Lovejoy, Gauger, and G. W. Dearborn, Wood Measure; also nominating Edward Hughes, for Superintendent of Police; R. T. Lucas, for City Sergeant; Washington Blythe, for Superintendent of Gas; J. T. Doherty, for Clerk of Gas; Wm. U. Herbert, for Clerk of the Market; C. F. Markell, for Commonwealth's Attorney; Stephen Swain and G. W. Henry, for Wardens of Luncheon.

Ward Tickets.

First Ward—Alderman, C. C. Smoot; Common Council, A. C. Harmon, Peter Aicheon, R. H. Hayner and Park Agnew; Magistrate, H. H. Harpor; Constable, W. T. Dobbie.

Second Ward—Alderman, Henry Strauss; Common Council, J. P. Rice, J. S. Beach, Job Corson and J. W. Henderson; Magistrate, W. P. Woods; Constable, James Edwards.

Third Ward—Alderman, J. T. Armstrong; Common Council, John Hawthorn, Edward Quino, John McGahey and Robert Porter; Constable, H. E. Drayton.

Fourth Ward—Alderman, Robert Bell; Common Council, P. R. Evans, J. D. Javins, J. T. Nails and Wm. Miller.

A. W. Armstrong, chairman of the committee, explained that it was only intended to recommend the Ward tickets, and let the Ward have meetings and adopt them hereafter if they wished.

Rudolph Massey moved to insert the name of F. A. Kirby for Alderman in the Second Ward, in place of Henry Strauss, but the motion was not entertained.

Geo. Hobday, colored, opposed the adoption of the general ticket. He said that only last week a large portion of those who constituted the present meeting, had met in the very same room and endorsed Sefer Brouse, for Superintendent of Police, and now he was thrown over and Edward Hughes taken up, which he predicted would lead to a split. He advocated Brouse's ticket.

J. M. Heishley and A. W. Armstrong contended that the meeting had delegated the power to make nominations to the committee and had nothing more to do with it.

Several colored men thought not, but the question was taken and the report declared adopted, although the negative side evidently had a majority.

A motion to adjourn was then made and declared carried in the same manner.

The meeting was quite a disorderly one, and it soon became evident that everything had been "fixed up" before hand, and all that the "sovereigns" had to do, was to vote as ordered.

THIRD WARD COLORED REPUBLICANS.—A meeting of dissatisfied colored republicans of the Third Ward was held at the house of Chas. Jackson, who occupied the chair, with S. C. Dundas, secretary, this morning.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas we, the dissatisfied colored republicans of the Third Ward, about fifty in number, feel that we cannot support the candidate of the workingmen's party for the office of Superintendent of Police; therefore,

Resolved, That we propose to support Mr. G. W. Clifford, the nominee of the conservative party, in preference to the workingmen's candidate.

Resolved, That we do propose to support all of the workingmen's ticket, except their candidate for the office named, and we ask that all right thinking colored voters of the city will unite with us in supporting Mr. G. W. Clifford.

Several colored voters from other wards were present, and expressed their satisfaction at the proceedings of the meeting.

THE CAPTATION TAX.—It is important that voters should know that they will be required to show their State tax receipts at the polls on next Thursday. The preparation of a list, as was done last year, was found so onerous and unsatisfactory, that none will be attempted this year. The tax books are not made out in wards, and consequently, four complete lists of the whole city would have to be made out, involving a labor which no one is willing to undertake, and for which there is no provision of law. The City Treasurer's office is kept open until 10 o'clock every night and all, who have lost or mislaid their receipts, can secure duplicates on application.

POLICE ITEMS.—The following cases have been tried since yesterday, by Justice Thompson:

Harry Carter, colored, for abusing a colored woman, was fined and in default, sent to the chain gang.

John Colson, alias Mumps, colored, for being drunk and disorderly on the streets, was sent to the chain gang, in default of payment of fine and costs.

REGISTRATION.—The registration books were closed last night. During the three days on which they were open, the following numbers were added:

	White.	Colored.
First Ward,	34	4
Second Ward,	23	3
Third Ward,	54	9
Fourth Ward,	27	7
Total,	138	23

MISSING.—Col. Mike Thompson, a prominent lawyer of Washington, is missing, in consequence, it is said, of his inability to settle his accounts as receiver of the estate of the late Samuel DeVaughn, a native of Alexandria, who died in Washington, leaving a valuable estate in that city. Col. Thompson married an Alexandria lady and is well known here.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.—Several sales of real estate are advertised to take place by public auction at Fairfax Court House on Monday next.

Local Brevities.

It is understood that Rev. Dr. Keane, Bishop elect of Richmond, will be consecrated by Archbishop Gibbons in the Baltimore Cathedral, on June 9th (Whitsunday).

There has been an almost continuous downpour of rain ever since early morning, and the indications for its continuance are good.

The patent bathing apparatus and hennery of Mr. Witticher, near Haymarket, Prince William Co., were burned on Wednesday night.

Said the Nurse to the Doctor:—"Sure sir, I only know of one good medicine for the Baby, and that is Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup."

A QUEER HEAD PANTYMAN.—The Jesse Hoyt, a famous New York Steamboat, used to have for head pantyman a bent and crippled dandy, whose face was as full of humor as his form was of kicks and knobs. His name was Robert Smith, and his malady was chronic rheumatism. He tried Giles' Liniment Iodide Ammonia for a week of the present winter and next season intends to astonish his old acquaintances on the Hoyt by his appearance as a sound man.

Said by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro. Send for pamphlet, DR. GILES', 451 Sixth Avenue, N. Y.

RETURNS OF ANOTHER RUSH.—We opened this (Monday) morning, the remainder of the stock purchased from a firm retiring from business:

3,000 yards of Shirting Linen, 40c a yard, worth \$1 a yard.

1,500 yards of Dress Linen, 19c a yard, slightly soiled, worth 30c.

2,000 yards of yard wide Bleached Muslins, 7c a yard, worth 12c.

2,200 yards yard wide Bleached Muslins, 6c a yard, worth 10c.

2,100 yards yard wide unbleached do. heavy, 5c a yard, worth 12c.

60 dozen extra heavy and large size Towels, all linen, 25c.

25 dozen Ladies Balbriggan Hose, 12c a pair, worth 25c.

And a great many other goods, which will be sold as a Special Sale, and under our regular prices. As these goods are all bought for cash down, we get large inducements and offer the same at a great advantage to our customers. Special sale this week.

my 13-1w ISAAC EICHBERG.

LOAF CAKE, WITH FRUIT.—Two large cups of powdered sugar, one and a half cups of butter, stir to a cream, five cups of flour, with three teaspoonsful of DOOLEY'S YEAST POWDER, one cup of sweet milk, half pound of raisins, two ounces of citron cut in small pieces, one grated orange, one wine glass of wine, one of brandy, eight eggs, add the flour with the milk, sugar and butter, the beaten yolks of the eggs, and then the whites well beaten, then the wine, spices and fruit; mix this into two loaves; bake slowly one hour.

Persuade your suffering friend to use Durand's Rheumatic Remedy for rheumatism and he will afterwards thank you. Don't forget the Little's Headache Specific cures headache in 5 to 20 minutes. Sold by all druggists.

MOTHERS! MOTHERS! MOTHERS!—Don't fail to procure Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for all diseases of teaching in children. It relieves the child from pain, cures wind colic, regulates the bowels, and, by giving relief to the mother, gives rest to the mother.

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A CARD.—It being currently reported that I am to be Deputy Sergeant in case of the election of Mr. U. M. Monroe as Sergeant, I desire to inform my "friends," and all others, that I would not accept any such position. "The game is not worth the candle."

my 11-1w GEO. W. ROCK.

FOR RENT.—HALF OF THE DWELLING on the north-west corner of Washington and Prince streets. Seven rooms on the first and second floors. Apply on the premises.

my 17-1m

SULPHIDE OF ARSENICUM for the COMPLEXION.—The above preparation is for sale by

JNO. Y. GIBSON & CO.

From Washington.

[SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.
SENATE.

In the Senate to-day the House Postal appropriation bill was reported with amendments. Mr. Ingalls reported a bill imposing a tax on dogs in the District of Columbia.

A bill to appoint an additional judge for the second judicial district was reported favorably.

A large number of petitions, memorials and bills of no special interest were introduced.

Mr. Davis, of W. Va., chairman of the committee to investigate the books of the Treasury Department, asked for authority for the committee to sit during the recess and report at the next session.

Mr. Davis said that the assertion made by him that the debt statement had been altered, was correct.

Mr. Morrill objected and the resolution went over.

A petition asking from the Government a loan of \$75,000 for the indigent colored poor of the District of Columbia, from several colored societies, was referred.

The bill making appropriation for the awards made by the Court of Claims was reported with amendments.

A resolution providing for the appearance on the floor of the Senate of the secretaries and heads of bureaus, and prohibiting Senators from going to the clerk's desk during the call of the roll was referred.

Upon a bill removing a grant of land to the Oregon Central Railroad.

Mr. Thurman addressed the Senate in opposition to land grants or the renewal of grants that have lapsed. The bill went over.

The Senate agreed to adjourn to-day till Monday.

A bill to place Isabella Cassell on the pension roll was passed.

The bill to incorporate the Suburban Railroad Company of the District of Columbia, the cars to be drawn by steam engines, was then taken up and considered but finally recommitted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House of Representatives as soon as the journal was read,

Mr. Sparks reported back the Indian Appropriation bill with the Senate amendments, advising on concurrence, and asking for a committee of conference.

Mr. Ryan was allowed to have a substitute for the bill to regulate inter State commerce printed.

Mr. Potter then called for the regular order, the vote on concurring in the motion for the previous question on the investigation resolution, and the Speaker upon a rising vote counted 82 in the affirmative.

Tellers were demanded and the Chair appointed Messrs. Potter and Hale tellers.

Mr. Potter then reported 123 in the affirmative, Mr. Hale in the negative.

Mr. Hale denied that he had voted, and said that if counted he should throw the responsibility on the Speaker.

The Speaker said he accepted the responsibility.

A good deal of confusion ensued with calls for the regular order.

After explanatory remarks by Messrs. Hale, Garfield and Potter, Mr. Hale denying that he had voted,

Mr. Potter withdrew the negative vote and the count was announced—123 in the affirmative, none in the negative, and no quorum.

A call of the House was then ordered, on motion of Mr. Potter, and upon a call of the roll 258 members answered to their names.

Mr. Potter then renewed his motion for a second to the previous question.

Mr. Hale moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. Potter gave notice that after this call, if another call was ordered, he would move to enforce it by closing the doors and sending for absentees.

Mr. Hale contended that his motion was in order.

The question was discussed by Messrs. Burchard, Garfield and Hale.

The Speaker adhered to his decision, and Mr. Hale appealed from the decision.

Mr. Potter moved to lay the appeal upon the table, and upon that the yeas and nays were taken, resulting 143 yeas, 114 nays, so the appeal was laid on the table.

Mr. Potter again demanded a vote on his motion for a second to the previous question, but first wanted to ask a question of Mr. Hale, of Maine, who had moved to lay this whole subject on the table.

Mr. Conger objected to anything in the way of discussion.

Tellers were then called for on Mr. Potter's motion, and they reported 140 in the affirmative, none in the negative—no quorum.

Mr. Potter moved that there be a call of the House, upon which the yeas and nays were asked for by the republicans, and ordered by the House—yeas 150, nays 110.

Mr. Page said a quorum was present.

Mr. Beebe replied that it was the right of the House to have every member present.

The Speaker said the House having ordered a call it must be proceeded with. So the clerk called the roll and 268 members answered to their names.

Mr. Potter offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the speaker issue his warrant to the Sergeant at Arms to arrest and take into custody all members absent without leave of the House.

The resolution was passed and the doors closed.

Excuses for absent members were then offered. Three republicans who are not paired were excused without much controversy.

Mr. Crapo, of Mass., then asked that Mr. Loring (republican from Massachusetts) be excused, and being asked if his colleague was paired, stated that he had been paired with Mr. Goode, of Va.

This brought Mr. Goode to his feet with an explanation to the effect that he had been paired with Dr. Loring, but owing to the state of affairs, had informed him that the pair must be broken.

Mr. Conger said the explanation was unnecessary as it was simply a question of honor whether Mr. Goode would keep his pair or not.

Mr. Goode, in a very excited manner walked down the aisle and said that he could take care of his own honor, and if the gentleman from Michigan assailed it, he would be held personally responsible.

Great applause, hisses and wild cheering followed.

The Conger tried to speak but was hissed. Several Virginia members sprang up and tried to be heard.

Mr. Hale demanded that Mr. Goode's words be taken down.

Mr. Tucker demanded that Mr. Conger's words be taken down.

All the words were taken down and read and Speaker Randall decided that the offensive words came from the gentleman from Michigan (applause from the democrats) and said you might as well expect a child not to "holler" when struck as a gentleman not to retort when his honor is assailed.

Mr. Hale asked for a decision as to whether the words were parliamentary or not.

The Speaker decided that, if meant to be offensive, the words of both members were unparliamentary.

The confusion was great and continued until the regular order was proceeded with, when several members were excused.

Nothing further occurred between Messrs. Goode and Conger.

Mr. Crapo again asked an excuse for Dr. Loring, and the House excused him.

Only those members were excused who are not paired.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Business, financially and commercially, continues dull, and the depression that has been so keenly felt is in no wise lightened. Congress has as yet failed to repeal the bankrupt act, while the bill to repeal the resumption law hangs fire in the Senate, and nothing is being done to alleviate the sufferings of the people, who day by day are becoming more and more despondent.

The aspect of affairs in Europe is more peaceful, and, consequently, the prices of cereals are depressed, though cotton begins to stiffen under the favorable advices. The rates for gold fluctuate very little, advancing occasionally, but declining again rapidly. The U. S. four and a half per cent bond issue has all been taken, and there is a good demand for the four per cents, the absorption of capital in this way being great, while there is a corresponding contraction for "out of door" purposes. State securities are less active, and prices easier. There were sales in Baltimore yesterday of Virginia consols at 60c, and coupons at 81, a decline, and closing very dull. In Railroad securities there is not much doing. B. & O. dividend scrip 75c; B. & O. common 75 bid, 77 asked; B. & O. 6s, 1880s, 102 1/2; 2000 Norfolk and Petersburg 8 per cts., 2 1/2, sold at 91, and \$300 O. A. & M. 7s at 49 1/2. Local shares are quoted nominally as follows:

Stock	Ask.	Bid.
Orange, Alexs. & Man., 7s.	62	58
Orange & Alexs. 6s, 1st.	85	80
Orange & Alexs. 6s, 2d.	70	65
Orange & Alexs. 8s, 3d.	35	40
Orange & Alexs. 8s, 4th.	10	10
Virginia & Tennessee, 8s.	95	93

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